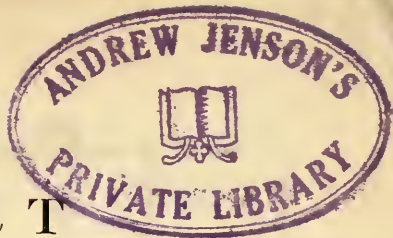


1849

REPORT



OF THE

GLASGOW

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE,

HELD IN

THE MERCHANTS' HALL, HUTCHISON STREET, GLASGOW,

*JUNE 24th, 1849.*

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President,

ELI B. KELSEY.

Clerk,

WALTER THOMPSON.

The presidents of the various branches met in the Hall attached to Carrick's Temperance Coffee House, on Saturday evening, June 23. After the meeting was opened by prayer by Elder Burgess, the following reports were handed in:—

# REPORTS OF THE BRANCHES.

| NAMES<br>OF<br>BRANCHES. | NAMES<br>OF<br>PRESIDENTS. | Number of Elders. | Number of Priests. | Number of Teachers. | Number of Deacons. | Number of Members. | Total number of<br>Officers & Members. | Number baptized<br>this quarter. | Number received by<br>Letter. | Number removed by<br>Letter. | Number cut off this<br>quarter. | Number died this<br>quarter. | Number Scattered. | Number of Strars in<br>circulation. | Number of Pamph-<br>lets in circulation. | Total amount of<br>books, tracts, &c.,<br>bought and sold dur-<br>ing the quarter. | Amount paid to-<br>wards defraying the<br>current expenses of<br>the quarter. | Amount donated to<br>assist President Kel-<br>sey upon his return<br>to America. | Total amount dona-<br>ted for all purposes<br>during the quarter. | REMARKS.                          |   |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Glasgow .....            | Wm. McKeachie...           | 14                | 12                 | 27                  | 6                  | 443                | 502                                    | 51                               | 20                            | 20                           | 11                              | 5                            | 4                 | 105                                 | 3000                                     | 21 11 0                                                                            | 6 4 3                                                                         | 23 4 0                                                                           | 30 0 3                                                            | { Generally<br>{ in good standing |   |
| Airdrie .....            | James G. Brown...          | 5                 | 7                  | 6                   | 4                  | 110                | 132                                    | 7                                | 15                            | 17                           | 26                              | 1                            | 4                 | 43                                  | 1500                                     | 4 1 0                                                                              | 1 13 1                                                                        | 8 1 6                                                                            | 10 4 5                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Toll Cross .....         | L. McFadyen...             | 4                 | 5                  | 5                   | 2                  | 79                 | 92                                     | 10                               | 8                             | 6                            | 1                               | 11                           | 25                | 600                                 | 2 6 6                                    | 1 3 0                                                                              | 4 0 0                                                                         | 5 3 0                                                                            | "                                                                 |                                   |   |
| Paisley .....            | John Bell .....            | 4                 | 5                  | 6                   | 2                  | 94                 | 111                                    | 1                                | 7                             | 2                            | 2                               | 0                            | 0                 | 24                                  | 900                                      | 4 1 0                                                                              | 1 7 3                                                                         | 8 11 6                                                                           | 10 13 9                                                           | "                                 |   |
| Holytown .....           | Wm. Livingston...          | 6                 | 3                  | 3                   | 3                  | 77                 | 90                                     | 5                                | 10                            | 13                           | 4                               | 1                            | 5                 | 27                                  | 600                                      | 3 12 0                                                                             | 1 2 6                                                                         | 2 10 0                                                                           | 4 1 1                                                             | "                                 |   |
| Kilmarlock .....         | James Paton...             | 5                 | 6                  | 6                   | 2                  | 76                 | 95                                     | 10                               | 2                             | 5                            | 4                               | 1                            | 5                 | 27                                  | 900                                      | 2 4 0                                                                              | 0 16 6                                                                        | 4 10 0                                                                           | 5 7 5                                                             | "                                 |   |
| Kilbernie .....          | Daniel Baxter...           | 3                 | 3                  | 2                   | 2                  | 53                 | 63                                     | 10                               | 9                             | 6                            | 0                               | 1                            | 1                 | 21                                  | 600                                      | 2 0 0                                                                              | 0 16 9                                                                        | 1 11 1                                                                           | 2 12 10                                                           | "                                 |   |
| Rutherglen...            | Peter McFarlane...         | 2                 | 4                  | 4                   | 2                  | 56                 | 68                                     | 5                                | 8                             | 6                            | 1                               | 0                            | 6                 | 25                                  | 600                                      | 4 1 0                                                                              | 1 10 0                                                                        | 2 16 0                                                                           | 4 18 8                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Dalry .....              | Andrew Furguson...         | 3                 | 3                  | 3                   | 3                  | 41                 | 51                                     | 1                                | 4                             | 11                           | 4                               | 0                            | 0                 | 16                                  | 300                                      | 2 13 0                                                                             | 0 12 9                                                                        | 6 16 6                                                                           | 7 19 1                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Thornliebank .....       | Matthew Rowan...           | 4                 | 3                  | 3                   | 2                  | 53                 | 65                                     | 4                                | 0                             | 11                           | 4                               | 1                            | 8                 | 11                                  | 500                                      | 1 6 0                                                                              | 0 6 6                                                                         | 2 8 3                                                                            | 2 14 9                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Johnstone .....          | Robert M'Mikle...          | 3                 | 3                  | 3                   | 2                  | 43                 | 54                                     | 4                                | 0                             | 0                            | 2                               | 0                            | 1                 | 16                                  | 300                                      | 2 0 0                                                                              | 0 13 0                                                                        | 3 5 0                                                                            | 4 1 2                                                             | "                                 |   |
| Bridge of Weir... ..     | Johnstone .....            | 4                 | 0                  | 2                   | 0                  | 30                 | 34                                     | 2                                | 0                             | 6                            | 3                               | 2                            | 0                 | 15                                  | 600                                      | 0 6 3                                                                              | 0 5 9                                                                         | 0 17 0                                                                           | 1 2 9                                                             | "                                 |   |
| Cross Hill & Maybole     | Robert Watson...           | 0                 | 1                  | 1                   | 1                  | 23                 | 26                                     | 3                                | 0                             | 0                            | 0                               | 0                            | 0                 | 5                                   | 150                                      | 0 16 6                                                                             | 0 6 6                                                                         | 1 0 0                                                                            | 1 8 10                                                            | Not so good.                      |   |
| Ayr .....                | Ditto .....                | 3                 | 1                  | 0                   | 0                  | 36                 | 40                                     | 20                               | 0                             | 0                            | 13                              | 0                            | 0                 | 12                                  | 150                                      | 0 15 0                                                                             | 0 4 3                                                                         | 1 13 0                                                                           | 2 5 9                                                             | In good standing.                 |   |
| Vale of Leven .....      | F. Collins .....           | 2                 | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 19                 | 21                                     | 5                                | 2                             | 1                            | 3                               | 0                            | 0                 | 6                                   | 300                                      | 1 1 0                                                                              | 0 12 9                                                                        | 2 3 0                                                                            | 3 10 3                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Campsie .....            | Robert Meiklejohn...       | 1                 | 2                  | 3                   | 1                  | 22                 | 29                                     | 0                                | 0                             | 0                            | 0                               | 0                            | 0                 | 12                                  | 180                                      | 2 6 0                                                                              | 0 6 6                                                                         | 1 1 0                                                                            | 1 10 0                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Lanark .....             | Robert Scott .....         | 2                 | 6                  | 3                   | 2                  | 62                 | 75                                     | 2                                | 4                             | 2                            | 1                               | 0                            | 1                 | 11                                  | 300                                      | 0 9 0                                                                              | 0 5 6                                                                         | 2 13 6                                                                           | 5 10 0                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Knightswood .....        | S. Hargrave .....          | 1                 | 3                  | 2                   | 1                  | 14                 | 21                                     | 6                                | 0                             | 0                            | 1                               | 0                            | 1                 | 7                                   | 150                                      | 0 9 0                                                                              | 0 5 6                                                                         | 2 7 0                                                                            | 2 12 6                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Balfon .....             | R. Cunningham...           | 1                 | 1                  | 1                   | 1                  | 7                  | 11                                     | 0                                | 0                             | 0                            | 0                               | 0                            | 0                 | 2                                   | 150                                      | 0 4 6                                                                              | 0 4 3                                                                         | 0 3 0                                                                            | 0 7 3                                                             | "                                 |   |
| Bushy .....              | R. Walkinshaw...           | 1                 | 1                  | 1                   | 1                  | 7                  | 11                                     | 0                                | 0                             | 0                            | 0                               | 0                            | 0                 | 7                                   | 90                                       | 0 12 0                                                                             | 0 6 0                                                                         | 1 0 0                                                                            | 1 6 0                                                             | "                                 |   |
| Irvine .....             | Patrick Lynch...           | 1                 | 2                  | 1                   | 1                  | 25                 | 30                                     | 2                                | 0                             | 1                            | 2                               | 0                            | 0                 | 8                                   | 125                                      | 0 6 3                                                                              | 0 6 0                                                                         | 0 11 6                                                                           | 0 16 6                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Stewarton .....          | William Aird .....         | 1                 | 2                  | 1                   | 1                  | 15                 | 20                                     | 6                                | 2                             | 0                            | 1                               | 0                            | 0                 | 5                                   | 150                                      | 0 6 3                                                                              | 0 4 3                                                                         | 0 12 0                                                                           | 0 16 6                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Auchenairn .....         | John Miller .....          | 0                 | 2                  | 1                   | 0                  | 12                 | 15                                     | 1                                | 4                             | 0                            | 1                               | 0                            | 0                 | 8                                   | 150                                      | 0 10 0                                                                             | 0 3 3                                                                         | 0 16 6                                                                           | 0 19 9                                                            | "                                 |   |
| Girvan .....             | Robert Bridgerton...       | 0                 | 0                  | 1                   | 0                  | 13                 | 14                                     | 0                                | 0                             | 0                            | 0                               | 0                            | 0                 | 6                                   | 150                                      | 0 5 0                                                                              | 0 3 4                                                                         | 0 16 6                                                                           | 0 3 4                                                             | Uncertain.                        |   |
| Travelling Elders.....   | Hugh Fulton .....          | 0                 | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 5                  | 5                                      | 5                                | 0                             | 0                            | 0                               | 0                            | 0                 | 0                                   | 0                                        | 0                                                                                  | 0                                                                             | 0                                                                                | 0                                                                 | 0                                 | " |
| Total .....              |                            | 72                | 73                 | 86                  | 36                 | 1445               | 1712                                   | 177                              | 93                            | 110                          | 86                              | 12                           | 41                | 448                                 | 1899                                     | 60 18 0                                                                            | 20 2 9                                                                        | 85 15 5                                                                          | 114 7 7                                                           |                                   |   |

After the Presidents had got through with the reports of their branches, Elder Kelsey stated that he had audited the Star agent's books, and had taken an inventory of all the Books, Stars, &c., on hand. He found that the Star agent was in debt to the office in Liverpool . . . . . £96 12 0

To meet which he had—

|                                                                              |       |    |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Cash in hand .....                                                           | £30   | 0  | 0 |
| 113 Books of Mormon .....                                                    | 14    | 2  | 6 |
| 90 Spencer's Letters .....                                                   | 6     | 15 | 0 |
| 122 Voice of Warning .....                                                   | 8     | 2  | 8 |
| 73 Hymn Books .....                                                          | 5     | 9  | 6 |
| 2 Extra bound Books of Mormon .....                                          | 0     | 12 | 0 |
| 6 „ „ Hymn Books .....                                                       | 1     | 4  | 0 |
| 4 „ „ Doctrine and Covenants .....                                           | 1     | 4  | 0 |
| 1784 Stars of Nos. 1 to 12 (inclusive) at 2d. ....                           | 14    | 17 | 4 |
| 893 Pamphlets, — Divine Authority — Remarkable<br>Visions, and Replies ..... | 4     | 1  | 0 |
| 887 Kingdom of God .....                                                     | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| 244 Odd Stars of Vol X., at 2d. ....                                         | 2     | 0  | 8 |
| 7 Doctrine and Covenants .....                                               | 0     | 14 | 0 |
| 38 Plates, Joseph preaching to the Indians, at 1s. 8d....                    | 3     | 4  | 0 |
|                                                                              | <hr/> |    |   |
|                                                                              | £94   | 6  | 8 |

Debts due by the following Branches, viz. :—

|                                                      |   |    |    |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|----|----|
| Holytown .....                                       | 0 | 13 | 0  |
| Lanark .....                                         | 0 | 18 | 9  |
| Rutherglen .....                                     | 0 | 6  | 6  |
| Johnstone .....                                      | 0 | 12 | 6  |
| Paisley .....                                        | 0 | 8  | 0  |
| Bridge of Weir .....                                 | 0 | 3  | 3  |
| Dalry .....                                          | 0 | 19 | 11 |
| Cross Hill .....                                     | 0 | 15 | 0  |
| Ayr .....                                            | 0 | 1  | 3  |
| Robert Bridgton, former Star agent for Airdrie ..... | 0 | 15 | 6  |

£100 0 4

This shows a balance in favour of Brother McKeachie of £3 8s. 4d.

It will be seen by refering to the Report, on second page, that the receipts for the conference fund amount to . . . . . £20 2 9

I will now show what has been done with it :—

|                                                                                                                                                           |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Excess of last Quarter's expences over the receipts .....                                                                                                 | £1 | 9  | 9  |
| Amount paid for rent of Halls, bills, &c., for President<br>Pratt's Lectures, more than was received .....                                                | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| Amount paid for board, lodgings, &c. of travelling Elders<br>while at Conference, Elders from a distance, and for<br>board, washing, &c. for myself ..... | 4  | 5  | 11 |
| Amount given to Elder Douglas and family .....                                                                                                            | 5  | 10 | 0  |
| Amount given to Elder Crook and family .....                                                                                                              | 3  | 10 | 0  |
| Amount given to the family of Elder Fulton and himself..                                                                                                  | 0  | 12 | 6  |
| Amount given to others of the travelling Elders .....                                                                                                     | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Amount paid for bills for the use of Elders .....                                                                                                         | 0  | 12 | 0  |
| Pamphlets given to the various Elders for sale, the pro-<br>ceeds for their own use .....                                                                 | 1  | 5  | 0  |
| Postage-stamps, paper, ink, &c. ....                                                                                                                      | 0  | 18 | 5  |

£20 13 7

This leaves a balance to be placed to the debit side of next Quarter's account of 10s. 10d.

|                                                            |    |    |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| The Conference debt now amounts to .....                   | £6 | 17 | 2 |
| Take from this the surplus collections at Conference ..... | 2  | 1  | 8 |

Leaves the Conference debt .....

£4 15 6

There are three Soirees to be held in three of the principal branches, for the purpose of liquidating this balance, and I hope the time will soon arrive when we shall no longer hear of the Conference debt.

It will also be seen by refering to the Report, on second page, that the total amount donated for all purposes exceeds the amounts donated to myself,—and also for the Conference fund—the sum of. . . . . £8 6 11

Of this sum—

|                                                                                                 |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Amount given for my travelling expences .....                                                   | £2 13 0 |
| Amount given to various travelling Elders, and for the liquidation of the Conference debt ..... | 5 13 11 |

£8 6 11

President Kelsey instructed the presidents of the branches, that when any of the Saints leave the branches to which they belong, without lines, and go to some other quarter near another branch, it was the duty of the president or clerk of the branch they left to report them immediately to the president of that branch—inform him of their standing—hand them over to his charge, and report their names at next conference, as having left without lines. When any of the officers become aware of the fact of a member of the Church being in their neighbourhood, without joining himself or herself to the branch, it is their duty to call upon them and inquire the reason. If they have lines, teach them that it is their duty to hand them in; if they have not lines, inquire where they are from, and inform the president of the matter; it will then be his duty to write to the president of the branch they left, requesting their lines of *good* or *bad* standing; and let all the presidents be careful that the lines be a *true* statement of the standing of the person or persons getting them. By following out this plan there can be no member of the Church in the conference that will not be under the strict surveillance of those having charge over them.

The travelling Elders were called upon for their reports.

Elders Duncanson and Maxwell gave in their report. They had preached regularly in New Mills, Galston, Mauchline, Sorn, Catreen, Affleck, Dervile, and Turbolton. The prospects in some places were good. They had baptized two and had prospects of several more. They thought it would not be necessary for more than one Elder to go there this quarter. Elder Duncanson was appointed to keep open those places that he deemed profitable to keep open. Elder Maxwell stated that he could not go out again this quarter, as his presence was needed at his father's house.

Elders Douglas and Galloway gave in their report. They had preached in Muirkirk, Sanquahar, Kirkconnel, New Cumnock, Old Cumnock, Ochiltree, Bridge of Coil, and five other small villages with varied success. They have baptized three and have prospects of more. They thought that one Elder would be sufficient for that region this quarter. Elder Douglas was therefore appointed to labor in that region.

Elders M'Dougale and Lindsay were then called upon for their report. They had preached regularly in Crawford John, Leadhills, Warlockhead, Crawford Durris Dear, Thornhill, Abington, and Penpont. They have met with poor encouragement. Had found the people very righteous, so much so that they would not give them anything to eat at times. At one time they had been so hungry that they had tried what virtue there was in *snails* and *heather*, but soon found they would not do instead of oat cake. They did not believe that any good would result from sending more Elders among a people who had made such advances in Christianity.



Moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, that no more Elders be sent into that region for the present.

Elder Andrew Henderson gave in his report. He had preached in most of the towns reported by Elders Douglas and Galloway.

Elder Hargrave has preached in ten towns and villages around Lanark.

The following appointments were then made :—

*For Argyleshire*—Elders Matthew Rowan, Andrew Galloway, Robert Fulton, Samuel Lindsay,

*For region around Lanark*—Samuel Hargrave.

It appears from the reports of the travelling Elders, that they have preached faithfully in thirty-seven towns and villages this quarter. The inhabitants of the greater part of those towns had never heard the gospel before. The officers of the various branches keep up (in all) *one hundred and fifty-seven* meetings each week, unto which all are invited to attend. These meetings are advertised upon the covers of near twelve thousand circulating pamphlets.

The following changes in the priesthood were then made :—

Robert Bridgeton, Priest, to the office of Elder, and his appointment as president of the Auchenairn branch confirmed.

John M'Clean, Member, to Teacher for Ayr branch. William E. Shaw, Priest, to Elder for Campsie branch.

*For Ardrie branch*—James Kinghorn, Priest, to the office of Elder ; Thomas Hittle, Priest, to Elder ; David M'Neil, Teacher, to Priest ; John Baxter, Teacher, to Priest ; John Colvin and William Lennon, Deacons, to Teachers ; John Flood, Member, to Elder ; David Adamson, Member, to Teacher ; Gavin Findlay, Andrew Henderson, Jun., and James Wilson, Members, to Deacons.

*For Dalry branch*—James M'Allister, Priest, to the office of Elder ; Geo. Steel, Priest, to Elder ; John M'Intosh, Member, to Teacher.

*For Greenock branch*—Archibald M'Phail and George Dennison, Priests, to the office of Elders ; John M'Cred and Robert Nelson, Teachers, to Priests ; John M'Kellar, Deacon, to Teacher ; Alexander M'Queen and John Cameron, Members, to Teachers.

President Kelsey then stated that it would be necessary for some change in the presidency of Dalry branch, as he had called Elder Rowan to go into Argyleshire. He proposed Elder William Sturrock as the most suitable person for that office in the Dalry branch, which being moved and seconded was carried.

Moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the Saints in Renfrew be organized into a branch, to be called the Renfrew branch, and that Adam Hogg, Priest, be called to the office of an Elder, and take the presidency of that branch.

It was also moved and carried, that Robert Aitkin be called to the office of Priest for Renfrew.

The following statement of what is needed to be fully set forth in the reports of the Presidents of branches, if attended to, will save the conference clerk a great deal of trouble.

1st.—The names of all baptized during the quarter, with the day and date of birth, with the town, parish, county and kingdom they were born in.

2nd.—When, where, and by whom baptized. (*Be very precise in this.*)

3rd.—When, where, and by whom confirmed ; always designating the spokesman by drawing a line under his name. The same in ordinations and blessing children.

4th.—The names of all ordained to the Priesthood—the office (if any) they held before—the day and date of ordination, and by whom.

5th.—The names of all who emigrate, with the date of departure.

6th.—The names of all who are cut off—all who remove from the conference—of all who die, with *exact* dates.

The above information is wanted, in many instances, for two or three conferences back. I will here counsel all who feel a desire that their names should be on record in the books of the church, to go immediately and see that they are down properly in the record of the branch in which they live, that it may be handed in to the conference clerk, and by him put on the conference record. Let every head of a family, male or female, keep a record, and while they are here in their own land, where are the graves of their fathers, let them gather up all the information possible of all those connected with them by ties of blood, whether dead or living. Go as far back as possible. This knowledge will be more valuable than fine gold in a day to come.

#### SABBATH FORENOON.

Meeting opened by singing the hymn on the 62nd page. Prayer by Elder Gibson, president of the Edinburgh conference.

President Kelsey then arose, and stated that he requested an interest in the prayers of the Saints, that his body might be cleansed from disease, that he might be enabled to perform all the business that lay before him this day. He said if it had not been for the pressure of business, and his great desire to meet the Saints in Conference before he went away, he would not have been present to-day. He then read over the reports given in by the presidents last evening; the Star agent's report: the report of the different funds, and the manner in which those funds were expended. He then remarked with regard to the Saints in Girvan, who had been cut off last conference and had again been baptized, that Elder Burgess would go around that way soon and see what state they were in, and whether it would be wisdom to organize them into a branch or not. The branches were all in excellent order, except one, viz., Cross Hill. It will be seen from the Report that there has been *thirteen* cut off in this small branch this quarter; the President reports that there are yet several who are denying the faith. I can give a reason for some of this apostacy: when I was out that way some few weeks ago, I called a meeting of the Saints, about fifty in number, a part of whom came from Maybole, a small town three miles off. Shortly after I had commenced preaching, a mob of about two or three hundred, male and female, of all ages, gathered around the house, hooting, yelling, &c., most dreadfully; throwing stones, &c.; in fact, doing all they could but personally maltreating the Saints. It was easily to be seen that there were some among the Saints whose *souls* grew small before the storm. Since then the storm of persecution has increased, and the *milk-and-water* Saints are turning their coats, and running like rats out of a barn on fire; but I am happy to say that there are many of the true blood there still, who stand fast and firm as the hills;—such spirits are worthy of every encouragement. Elder Burgess says he will visit them soon. He then stated the amount that had been donated to assist him on his return to his family, to locate them at the Bluffs, to remain with them for a little season, and again to return to the field of his labors in the British Isles. It was eighty-five pounds, fifteen shillings and five pence sterling. This, truly, is a most magnificent gift; he had expected something liberal from his knowledge of the Saints of this Conference, but must say, that he has been most agreeably surprised, he felt

gratified because he knew that no undue influence had been used ; it was the *voluntary contributions* of the Saints, and he returned unto them the gratitude of his heart for the favour. He had requested a copy of the names of all who had contributed towards this sum ; he would record those names to look at himself at a future day ; he felt to say, O Lord, bless the Saints of the Glasgow Conference in basket and store, in all their incomings and outgoings. He counselled the presidents of branches and Saints generally to keep up the circulation of the pamphlets this quarter, and not to let them slack in the least. No. 5 will be out soon, then fill up the series, and continue to fill up all vacancies from losses, &c., until next conference, when you can cease to replenish. Continue Divine Authority as No. 1 until they become soiled, worn, and unfit for use to lead the van ; then place Remarkable Visions as No. 1, to bear the heat and burden of a forlorn hope ; then first part of Kingdom of God until the New Year, when you will have gone over pretty much all the ground within your reach, then cease the circulation of those pamphlets, and hold yourselves in readiness for some other praiseworthy undertaking. Do not slacken in your endeavours in the spread of the printed word ; keep up those book societies ; see what good they have done already, how many scores that have been enabled to obtain books by this means, that were not able to get them in any other way. It is, also, the duty of every officer in the Church, to use all his influence to increase the circulation of the Star : many of the young brethren and sisters stand much in their own light in this thing ; it is often the case, that there are four or five young men and women in the same house who do not take the Star because their father takes it ; this should not be the case, those young men will become heads of families, and those young women will become wives and mothers ; and all should have the Stars, well, and substantially bound, laying on their book shelves, together with the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, &c. &c., as a foundation for a family library. The Star agents are positively forbidden to sell any books, Stars, &c. on credit, therefore let none of the Saints think it hard at being refused credit. He also stated that as soon as the business of this day was concluded, Brother Burgess will enter upon his duties as President of this Conference in his stead. He felt to recommend Elder Burgess as a faithful servant of God ; he has long been a member of this Church, almost from its commencement, had preached more or less for sixteen years ; he had the utmost confidence in him, and hoped the Saints would uphold and sustain Brother Burgess, as they had sustained and upheld himself since he had been among them, and he would move that we all sustain him by our faith and prayers.

This was seconded, and unanimously carried.

He would also propose that we sustain and uphold, by our faith and prayers, Brigham Young, and his two counsellors, Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, as the first presidency of the Church in all the world.

Carried unanimously.

Also that we sustain the Quorum of the Twelve, as the travelling High Council of the Church in all the world.—Carried unanimously.

And that we sustain our beloved Brother Orson Pratt, as the president of the Church in the British Isles.—Carried unanimously.

Also that we uphold the Presidents of Conferences, the Presidents of Branches, William M'Keachie, as our Star agent, Walter Thompson, as conference clerk, and finally that we continue to sustain and uphold each other in all righteousness.—Carried unanimously.



He now wished to know if the Saints were satisfied with his labours since he had been among them.

Elder M'Keachie, president of Glasgow branch, then arose and said, that Brother Kelsey's labours had been greatly blessed since he had been among us; and with regard to our approval of his labours, our donations spoke volumes: actions always speak louder than words. He moved that we uphold and sustain Brother Kelsey by our faith and prayers, while he leaves us to return to his family for a season, and that he may again return to this land, that we may be once more blessed with his labours. Seconded and carried unanimously.

President Kelsey arose and thanked the Saints for this expression of their kindness and affection. He stated that the estimate made last quarter as to the amount necessary to be raised for conference purposes was as small as could be got along with. He was sorry to see that some of the branches had not sustained their presidents in this thing; if the Saints wished ever to be made rulers over many things, let them be faithful over a few things. Elder Robert Watson had suggested the plan of publishing the addresses of all the presidents of branches, the Star agent and conference clerk in the conference report. The idea was a good one and we would act upon it. He would also give notice to the Saints, that Elder M'Keachie would hereafter keep a quantity of the purest oil on hand for sale to the Saints. The Saints were not all judges of oil, and were often deceived into buying some filthy stuff that was unfit to use in any of the ordinances of God's house; furthermore, apothecaries always charged much higher in proportion for a few ounces than for a pound, thus those who were least able had to pay the highest price; all these difficulties would be obviated by calling on Brother M'Keachie for the future. The conference business being finished, he moved that this conference be adjourned until the last Sabbath in September, 1849. Carried unanimously.

The Saints were much edified and instructed in the afternoon and evening through the teachings and instructions of Elders Burgess and Gibson.

#### ADDRESSES OF THE PRESIDENTS OF BRANCHES.

*Glasgow*—William M'Keachie, 7, Graeme Street. He is also the Star agent.

*Airdrie*—James G. Brown, 70, New Rose Hall, near Coatbridge.

*Toll Cross*—Lauchlin M'Fadyan, labourer.

*Paisley*—John Bell, 114, George Street.

*Holytown*—William Livingston, roller, Calder Bank, near Airdrie.

*Kilmarnock*—James Paton, clock maker, Holme Head Street.

*Kilbernie*—Daniel Baxter, miner.

*Greenock*—Peter M'Farlane, shoemaker, 55, Henry's Land, Inverkipie Street.

*Rutherglen*—Andrew Fergusson, miner, Back Row Street.

*Dalry*—William Sturrock, miner, care of William M'Donald, Sharon Street.

*Thornliebank*—Robert M'Mickle, block printer.

*Johnstone and Bridge of Weir*—Robert Watson, M'Dowel Street Mill, Johnstone.

*Cross Hill and Maybole*—Francis Collins, weaver, Cross Hill.

*Ayr*—David M'Clanathan, weaver, Smith's Land, Douglas Street, Kilmarnock.

*Irvine*—William Aird, weaver, Touchfield Street, Kilmarnock.

*Vale of Leven*—Robert Meiklejohn, Ferryloan Street, Alexandria.

*Campsie*—Robert Scott, block printer, Cross Hill Street, Campsie.

*Knightswood*—Robert Cunningham, miner, Old Netherton Quarry, near Knightswood.

*Balfron*—Robert Walkinshaw, weaver.

*Busby*—Patrick Lynch.

*Stewarton*—John Miller, weaver.

*Auchenairn*—Robert Bridgeton, miner.

*Renfrew*—Adam Hogg.

Walter Thompson, No. —, James Street, Calton, Glasgow.